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SMALLVILLE: "THE MORE THINGS CHANGE..."
AVAST, BLACK PETE! TO THE VICTOR BELONG THE SPOILS!
AYE, CAP'N CLARK! AN' LADY LANA IS MINE!
I'M BEIN' FOUGHT OVER?
COOL!
YOU LIMP-NODES DON'T KNOW WHAT FIGHTIN' IS — YET!
uh-oh...
YOU'RE TRESPASSIN' ON RAMBLERS TURF! THAT MEANS YA GOTTA PAY RIGHTEOUS TOLL!
YEAH! YER LUNCH MONEY--
--OR YER LIVES!
YOU HIGH SCHOOL JERKS ARE ALL TALK! GET BEHIND ME, GUYS...
...I'LL PROTECT YA!
PETE?
"...THE MORE THEY STAY THE SAME!"
PETE!

I'LL PROTECT YOU, LANA!

ARE YOU NUTS? GET IN THE KENTS' STORM CELLAR WITH THE REST OF US!

HURRY!

BUT--!

"BUT" NOTHING! TORNADOES ARE OUT OF YOUR LEAGUE! THIS IS A JOB FOR--

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NOT EXACTLY HOW I'D PLANNED TO SPEND MY DAY!
I CAME HOME TO TALK TO MA AND PA ABOUT MY BREAK-UP WITH LOIS...
...ABOUT HOW LOIS RETURNED MY RING--
--SAID I COULD NEVER GIVE MYSELF TO HER TOTALLY--
--BECAUSE THERE'D ALWAYS BE SOMEONE WHO NEEDED SUPERMAN MORE THAN I NEEDED HER!
LIKE SMALLVILLE NEEDS ME TO SAVE IT FROM THIS TORNADO?
GUESS IT'S GOOD THAT LOIS ISN'T HERE. LAST THING I NEED RIGHT NOW--
--IS "I TOLD YOU SO"!

AT LEAST THE CURRENT DANGER SHOULD BE EASY TO HANDLE.
THIS TWISTER IS ROTATING COUNTER-CLOCKWISE.
SO IF I FLY CLOCKWISE THROUGH THE CLOUD THAT'S GENERATING IT--
--THAT SHOULD NEUTRALIZE THE WINDS, AND DISSIPATE--
--hmh? FUNNEL'S NOT DISPERSING?
IT'S SPLITTING INTO SIDE EDDIES INSTEAD!
ONE'S TRACKING TOWARDS THE MALL, THE OTHER HEADING FOR SMALLVILLE HIGH!
H-HOW CAN I POSSIBLY STOP THEM BOTH IN TIME?!?
SMALLVILLE

METROPOLIS.
I, THE ALPHA CENTURION, TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS DEPLORABLE DESTRUCTION.
THOUGH I NEVER SANCTIONED THE RAMPAGE OF THOSE ROGUE CENTURIONS,* I WAS THEIR LEADER, AND HONOR DICTATES THAT I BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS.
THEREFORE, I AM LEAVING METROPOLIS, SO AS TO BRING NO FURTHER DISGRACE UPON LEXCORP, MY FORMER EMPLOYERS.
*SEE ADVENTURES #535.
MS. LANE? MIGHT I HAVE A WORD WITH YOU--
--IN PRIVATE?
OF COURSE.
I LIKE TO THINK THAT, IN ANOTHER WORLD, IN ANOTHER TIME, THINGS MIGHT HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT BETWEEN US. NONETHELESS, ONE TRUTH REMAINS:
K.C.'S
OF ALL THE WONDERS IN THIS MAGNIFICENT CITY, YOU ARE WHAT I SHALL MISS MOST.

WEIRD. I THINK I'M ACTUALLY GOING TO MISS HIM, TOO. ANOTHER MAN IN MY LIFE...
...GONE.
BUT THERE'S MORE TO THIS LEAVING THAN MEETS THE EYE...
... MORE GOING ON AT LEXCORP THAN THE PUBLIC KNOWS. THOUGH THEY'RE GOING TO FIND OUT, AND SOON, COURTESY OF ACE REPORTER--
--LOIS LANE.

SMALLVILLE.
I FEEL SO HELPLESS! IF I COULD ONLY DO SOMETHING--!
TAKE IT EASY, SON. TRUST SUPERMAN--
"--TO DO EVERYTHING THAT CAN BE DONE!"
JOKER MADE ME CHOOSE BETWEEN LIVES, * AND THAT WAS THE FINAL FACTOR IN LOIS'S BREAKING OUR ENGAGEMENT!
I WON'T PLAY THAT GAME AGAIN!
*SEE ACTION #720.
I'LL STOP BOTH TWISTERS--
--OR DIE TRYING!
HAVE TO PRIORITIZE: TACKLE THE MOST DANGEROUS TORNADO FIRST, MINIMIZE CASUALTIES IF I CAN'T GET TO THE SECOND BEFORE--
--NO!
CAN'T RISK COUNTER-SPINNING AGAIN...
...BUT IF I FLY FAST ENOUGH IN THE SAME DIRECTION IT'S ROTATING, THEN ROCKET STRAIGHT UP--

--I CAN CREATE A SUDDEN VACUUM THAT SHOULD PULL THE STORM CLOUD WITH IT!
NO TIME TO SPIN THE SECOND ONE, THOUGH-- IT'S ALMOST TO THE MALL!
CYCLONE'S EYE IS LOW PRESSURE. IF I USE SUPER-BREATH--
YES! WITHOUT THE CLOUD TO SERVE AS AN "ANCHOR," THE TORNADO'S FALLING APART!
--TO CREATE ULTRA-HIGH PRESSURE INSIDE--
--THAT SHOULD CAUSE THE TWISTER TO BLOW ITSELF OUT!
DID IT!
whew! THAT WAS CLOSER THAN--
--eh? SCREAMS?
HEAVY RAINS MUST BE COMING IN WITH THE FRONT!
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT'S RIGHT IN THE PATH OF A FLASH FLOOD!

LEXCORP TOWER, MOMENTS EARLIER.
WAIT! Y-YOU CAN'T COME IN HERE--!
LADY, WE GOT A WARRANT THAT SAYS WE CAN!
DO IT, GUYS!
WELL, WHADDAYA KNOW--A SECRET DOOR.
I THOUGHT THOSE WENT OUT WITH SPATS AN' BATHTUB GIN.
SCANS INDICATE EQUIPMENT'S SET FOR REMOTE OVERRIDE TRANSMISSIONS, INSPECTOR TURPIN--
--JUST LIKE OUR TIPSTER SAID!
I BELIEVE THE TECHNICAL TERM IS--
--"GOTCHA"!

WHILE ON A LOWER FLOOR ..
YES, CONTESSA, THE HIDDEN ROOM WAS LIKELY CONSTRUCTED DURING THE LUTHOR ERA.
OUR THEORY IS THAT A DISGRUNTLED EMPLOYEE DISCOVERED IT--
--THEN USED MACHINES INSIDE TO MAKE THOSE CENTURIONS GO BERSERK, HOPING TO EMBARRASS LEXCORP.
BUT OUR LEGAL STAFF IS ON IT, AND WE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO INVOLVE YOU DIRECTLY.
KEEP ME INFORMED, MR. ARTURO.
A LITTLE INSURANCE, LEX?
TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OVER YOUR EX-TEAM LUTHOR?
SECRETS ARE SUCH NASTY THINGS.
SECRETS, MY LOVE? FROM YOU? HEAVENS, NO.
AFTER WHAT I'VE BEEN THROUGH, "DYING" AND ALL, SURELY YOU CAN FORGIVE A LITTLE...
...FORGETFULNESS?

Hmmm..
HOW FORTUNATE THE POLICE RECEIVED THAT TIP.
ANY IDEA WHO SENT IT?
BUILDING SCHEMATICS CONFIDENTIAL
PROBABLY SOMEONE WITH THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE COMPANY AT HEART, DARLING.
NO DOUBT.
ISN'T LIFE INTERESTING...
...WHEN YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT?
:bzzt: CONTESSA? A MS. LANE WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU.
SOME OTHER TIME. I'M ABOUT TO BECOME..
...PREOCCUPIED.

SMALLVILLE.
BUT I CAN'T SIT AROUND WHILE FOLKS ARE IN TROUBLE! IT'S NOT MY NATURE!
I KNOW, AND THAT'S PART OF WHAT I LOVE ABOUT YOU!
BUT REMEMBER WHEN WE WERE KIDS, WHEN YOU TRIED TO PROTECT CLARK AND ME?
YOU GOT THE STUFFING BEAT OUT OF YOU!
PETE, PLEASE...!
I--
--I.. I
TOO MANY FAMILIES ALREADY LIVING IN THESE HOUSES
NO WAY I CAN EVACUATE EVERYONE IN TIME!
BUT IF I CAN'T MOVE THE PEOPLE...

...MAYBE I CAN MOVE THE FLOOD!
IT'S WORKING! INSTANT "MOAT" IS CHANNELING WATER AROUND THE DEVELOPMENT--
--INTO A NEIGHBORING WHEAT FIELD!
NOW TO CHECK ON MA AND--
--eh? SUPER-HEARING IS PICKING UP SIRENS.
GOOD LORD! DOWNTOWN SMALLVILLE! IT LOOKS LIKE THE WHOLE CITY--
--IS ON FIRE!

METROPOLIS.
HAVE I GROWN THAT DEPENDENT ON SUPERMAN?
WHEN I STARTED OUT, WHEN I WAS STILL HUNGRY, I NEVER WOULD'VE TAKEN "NO" FOR AN ANSWER.
LEXCORP
I LIVED BY MY WITS, BY SPUNK AND BLUFF.
I MADE THINGS HAPPEN
HMM... WHAT'S THAT OLD SAYING?
"THE MORE THINGS CHANGE..."?
SIGHT CAUTION
SOON.
I'M EMERSON, WITH LAKE PALMER DRYWALL. GOT A PERMIT I NEED SIGNED.
MYERS, THIRD DOOR DOWN.
THANKS.
SOMETIMES, IT'S SO EASY IT'S SCARY...!
UM, HI! I'M BABS, FROM SHELLY-GIRL.
A NEW TEMP? NO ONE TOLD ME.
BUT I COULD SURE USE THE HELP. WHY DON'T YOU FINISH COLLATING THOSE SUPPLY FILES--
--WHILE I GRAB A QUICK SMOKE.
CAN'T TAP INTO CONFIDENTIAL DATA WITHOUT SECURITY CODES...
..BUT MAYBE I CAN FIND SOME KIND OF CLUE.
IF I SCROLL THROUGH THE SUB-FILES--

--huh? LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE'S PLANNING ONE HECK OF A PARTY. CAVIAR AND FLOWERS BY THE SHIP-LOAD, HEADED FOR SOME ISLAND IN THE CARIBBEAN.
AND HERE'S A B'L FROM D'ARGENTO, THE TALIAN DESIGNER. FOR A--
--WEDDING GOWN?
TEMP? WHAT TEMP?!
uh-oh... BETTER SCOOT.
WHY WOULD SUCH A PUBLIC FIGURE AS THE CONTESSA PLAN A SECRET WEDDING..?
ANYONE SEEN MUH HAT..?

I'M STARTING TO FEEL BETTER.
THERE'S DEFINITELY A STORY HERE AND I'M GETTING IT WITHOUT A SMIDGEN OF HELP FROM--
"--SUPERMAN!"
FIREFIGHTERS ARE PUTTING THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE, DOING ALL THEY CAN...

...BUT THE IMMEDIATE DANGER IS TO THAT COUPLE ON THE ROOF!
THAT'S THE TALLEST BUILDING IN SMALLVILLE! AND IN TERMS OF LIGHTNING STRIKES, THAT MAKES IT--
--GROUND ZERO!
KRA-RACK
THE FIRES ARE SPREADING!
FOR EVERY BLAZE I BLOW OUT--
--LIGHTNING KICKS OFF ANOTHER ONE!

MAYBE THE ONLY WAY TO STOP THIS--
--IS TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE SOURCE!
BUT I SHOULD HELP--!
I'M NOT ARGUING THAT, PETE! I'M JUST SAYING THAT "SHOULD" ISN'T "CAN"!
SUPERMAN CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! THERE'S A REASON FOR HIM TO BE OUT THERE! BUT THE ONLY ONE YOU CAN HELP IS ME...
... BY STAYING ALIVE.
I LOVE YOU
YOU... YOU'RE RIGHT.
I'M NOT SUPERMAN
I DON'T BELONG TO THE WORLD
I BELONG TO YOU...!

McCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE.
OFFICER! I NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE!
SUPERMAN?!
DO YOU KEEP CHAFF STOCKED ON THE BASE?
WELL, YEAH!
I MEAN, YES, SIR! TRAILER RIG IN THE HANGAR'S FULL OF IT!
uh... HELP YOURSELF!
"CHAFF" IS THE MILITARY TERM FOR THIN STRIPS OF METAL PILOTS EJECT INTO THE AIR TO INHIBIT RADAR DETECTION!
BUT I'VE GOT A DIFFERENT USE FOR THIS LOAD!
I RECENTLY RESEARCHED A STORY ON WEATHER MODIFICATION FOR THE DAILY PLANET—
--AND ONE EXPERIMENTAL TECHNIQUE BEING TESTED IS SEEDING STORM CLOUDS WITH METALLIC CHAFF.
IN THEORY, THAT PRODUCES A CURRENT TO NEUTRALIZE THE ELECTRICAL FIELD THAT PRODUCES LIGHTNING.

BUT THEORY IS ONE THING.
NOW THAT I'M BACK OVER SMALLVILLE, LET'S SEE IF IT REALLY WORKS!
WHA...?
NOTHING!
I-IT'S NOT DOING ANY-THING AT--
FFFASSHA!
:whew:

AT LEAST THAT SHOULD GIVE EMERGENCY CREWS TIME TO--
GET YOUR MEN TO SHELTER, FAST!
THE NATIONAL WEATHER CENTER JUST ISSUED AN URGENT BULLETIN--A REINFORCING COLD FRONT'S DROPPING DOWN HARD FROM CANADA!
AND WE'VE GOT A DRY LINE PUSHIN' THROUGH TOWN FROM THE SOUTH!
WHEN THOSE TWO COLLIDE, ALL HECK'S GONNA BREAK LOOSE!
GUESS IT'S TRUE WHAT THEY SAY:

THE MORE THINGS CHANGE...!
CONTINUED IN MAN OF STEEL #57, ON SALE NEXT WEEK!